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PLEASE PASS TO USTR JASON BUNTIN  
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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN OFFICIALS WILLING TO WORK WITH U.S. ON GCC  
FOOD IMPORT PROCEDURES

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Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Econoff delivered reftel demarche on January 13 to  
Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) Director of Foreign  
Trade Relations Eman Al Doseri. Al Doseri said that MOIC was  
interested in resolving any technical issues prior to the  
implementation of the Guide by the Ministry of Health, and  
that MOIC might further delay implementation if needed. She  
indicated that she had not yet seen the GCC Food Safety  
Committee's response to U.S. concerns, but that Bahrain  
remained committed to continued technical engagement until  
the documentation concerns were resolved.

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